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FOR: PANEL FOR AIRBAG AND ITS PRODUCING METHOD

**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119**  
**AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

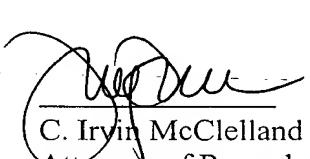
Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicant claims as priority:

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(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

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1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this Notice:  
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2. The following designated Offices have waived the requirement for such a communication at this time:  
None

The communication will be made to those Offices only upon their request. Furthermore, those Offices do not require the applicant to furnish a copy of the international application (Rule 49.1(a-bis)).

3. Enclosed with this Notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on 04 February 1999 (04.02.99) under No. WO 99/05007

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